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EDUCATION

M.L.S.	Indiana University Bloomington	May 2014
M.I.S. (digital library specialization)	Indiana University Bloomington	May 2014
Ph.D. , Philosophy	Fordham University	2004
M.A. , Philosophy (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	Fordham University	1996
B.A. , Philosophy (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	1993

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Subject Specialist / Collection Development Intern **Jan. 2014–current**

- Assisted humanities subject specialists at the IU Bloomington main library with collection development, preparation of instructional support materials including LibGuides, and answering reference / research questions.
- Performed collection development activities, including selection of materials, for Philosophy, Classics, History, History and Philosophy of Science, and Religious Studies.
- Familiar with YBP, Harrassowitz, Casalini Libri, and Aux Amateurs des Livres vendor websites.

Digital Humanities Research Assistant **Jan. 2014–current**

- Assisted IU Professor John Walsh with *The Chymistry of Isaac Newton* digital humanities project (<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/newton/>).
- Used XSLT to convert project XML files from TEI P4 to TEI P5.
- Performed citation analysis on Newton's alchemical writings.

Education Library Reference Assistant **May 2013–May 2014**

- Worked at the reference and circulation desks at the IU Education Library, helping patrons locate materials, use library equipment, and construct effective searches in online databases.
- During night and weekend shifts was responsible for opening/closing the library.

Alternate Media Production Assistant **May 2013–Jan. 2014**

- Worked at the IU Assistive Technology and Accessibility Center preparing course materials for students with disabilities.
- Prepared textbook and PowerPoint content for screen readers, provided descriptive captions for video materials, and documented procedures.

Web Migration Assistant **Summer 2013**

- Worked at the IU Libraries Digital User Experience department preparing for upcoming migration of the library website to a new Drupal-powered system.
- Performed content auditing and usage analysis via Google Analytics.

Information Retrieval Research Assistant **May 2012–Dec. 2013**

- Assisted IU Professor Xiaozhong Liu with information retrieval research; mostly copyediting.

Digital Humanities Research Assistant **Sept. 2011–May 2012**

- Assisted IU Professor John Walsh with revisions to the Swinburne Project digital library (<http://swinburneproject.indiana.edu/swinburne/>).

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy **Jan. 1997–May 2011**

- Had full responsibility for designing and teaching undergraduate Philosophy courses at the University of Notre Dame; Indiana University South Bend; the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and Fordham University.
- From 2005 to 2008 I was a Visiting Assistant Professor at UNLV.
- From 2008 to 2011 I was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Visiting Scholar at the University of Notre Dame.

Project Management Support Specialist **Aug. 1998–June 2005**

- Was a key team-player at PCI Group of Nevada, Inc., a construction management firm.
- Provided in-house and customer IT support, including software training.
- Designed and managed the company website.
- Developed custom project management tools, including CPM Gantt charts, database reports, and document management systems.

Digital Production Editor **June 1997–July 1998**

- Performed digital manuscript processing, table and data formatting, and page layout at Plenum Publishing, a major scientific publisher.

Teaching and Research Assistant **Sept. 1995–Dec. 1996**

- Assisted various professors in the Philosophy Department at Fordham University with library research and grading.

Assistant Copyeditor and Proofreader **Sept. 1993–May 1995**

- Assisted the managing editor of the *International Philosophical Quarterly*, an academic Philosophy journal, with copyediting, proofreading, and subscription database management.

History Research Assistant **Sept. 1992–Aug. 1993**

- Assisted UNLV Professor Maurice Finocchiaro, a prominent Galilean translator and historian, with library research and manuscript preparation.

Circulations Assistant **Sept. 1992–May 1993**

- Assisted patrons, shelved books, and worked the circulation and reserve desks at the UNLV main library.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Software

- Operating systems: Windows, Mac OS, UNIX/Linux
- Productivity: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Microsoft Project
- Web development: Oxygen, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Flash, Fireworks, Axure

Technical

- Web encoding: HTML, CSS, XML (XPath, XQuery, XSLT), RDF/OWL
- Programming: PHP, JavaScript / JQuery, Java
- Database: MySQL, PostgreSQL
- Metadata: Dublin Core, MODS, MARC, TEI
- Content management: WordPress, Omeka
- Web accessibility: WCAG 2.0, Section 508

Languages

- English (fluent); Spanish, French, German, Latin (reading competence)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Adjunct Associate Professor	Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame	2009–2011
Visiting Scholar	Center for Philosophy of Religion, Univ. of Notre Dame	2009–2011
Adjunct Associate	Department of Philosophy, Univ. of Indiana South Bend	Fall 2010
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Center for Philosophy of Religion, Univ. of Notre Dame	2008–2009
Visiting Assistant Professor	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	2005–2008
Part-Time Instructor	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	1999–2005
Teaching Fellow	Fordham University	1997–1998

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Religion
Critical Thinking

Areas of Competence

History & Philosophy of Science
Ancient Philosophy
Medieval Philosophy
Early Modern Philosophy
American Pragmatism

DISSERTATION

The Problem of Induction: An Epistemological and Methodological Response
Director: John Greco

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC PAPERS

1. “Foreknowledge and Fatalism: Why Divine Timelessness Doesn’t Help,” in L. N. Oaklander (Ed.), *Debates in the Metaphysics of Time* (London: Continuum, forthcoming).
2. “Open Theism and Other Models of Divine Providence,” in J. Diller and A. Kasher (Eds.), *Models of God and Alternative Ultimate Realities* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2013).
3. “In Defense of Weak Inferential Internalism: Reply to Alexander,” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 37 (2012): 379–385.
4. “Peirce and Lonergan on Inquiry and the Pragmatics of Inference,” *International Philosophical Quarterly* 51 (2011): 181–194.
5. “The Fivefold Openness of the Future,” in W. Hasker, D. Zimmerman, and T. J. Oord (Eds.), *God in an Open Universe: Science, Metaphysics, and Open Theism* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2011), pp. 69–93.
6. “Gratuitous Evil and Divine Providence,” *Religious Studies* 46 (2010): 281–302.
7. “Probability, Truth, and the Openness of the Future: A Reply to Pruss,” *Faith and Philosophy* 27 (2010): 197–204.
8. “Presentism, Truthmakers, and God,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 90 (2009): 41–62.
9. “Beyond the Chessmaster Analogy: Game Theory and Divine Providence,” in T. J. Oord (Ed.), *Creation Made Free: Open Theology Engaging Science* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2009), pp. 151–175.
10. “Fumerton’s Principle of Inferential Justification, Skepticism, and the Nature of Inference,” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 33 (2008): 215–234.
11. “Generic Open Theism and Some Varieties Thereof,” *Religious Studies* 44 (2008): 225–234.
12. “The Philosophical Case for Open Theism,” *Philosophia* 35 (2007): 301–311.
13. “Open Theism, Omniscience, and the Nature of the Future,” *Faith and Philosophy* 23 (2006): 432–459. (with G. A. Boyd and T. G. Belt)

OTHER ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Review of Moreland, J. P., C. Meister, & K. A. Sweis (Eds.), *Debating Christian Theism* (Oxford University Press, 2013). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (forthcoming).
2. “Critical Thinking,” in J. W. Koterski, S.J., (Ed.), *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012–13: Ethics and Philosophy* (Cengage, 2013).
3. Review of J. A. Keller, *Problems of Evil and the Power of God* (Ashgate, 2007). *Ars Disputandi* [<http://www.ArsDisputandi.org>] 10 (2010): 158–162.
4. Review of Richard Swinburne, ed., *Bayes’s Theorem* (Proceedings of the British Academy, vol. 113), Oxford University Press, 2002. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 45 (2005): 269–270.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Comments on K. Faber, “The Trans-temporal Totality and the Open Future,” Group Meeting of the Philosophy of Time Society, APA Eastern Division, Boston, MA, Dec. 2010.
2. “Five Roads to Fatalism and the Openness of the Future,” Group Meeting of the Philosophy of Time Society, APA Central Division, Chicago, IL, Feb. 17–20, 2010.
3. “Four Types of Gratuitous Evil,” Wesleyan Philosophical Society, Anderson, IN, March 5, 2009.
4. “Starting, Stopping, and the Continuity of Time,” Group Meeting of the Philosophy of Time Society, APA Central Division, Chicago, IL, Feb. 18–21, 2009.
5. Comments on E. Magalhaes, “Time without Change and without Persistence,” Group Meeting of the Philosophy of Time Society, APA Eastern Division, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 2008.
6. “Open Theism and the Openness of the Future,” Valparaiso University, Oct. 21, 2008. (invited)
7. “The Fourfold Openness of the Future,” Open & Relational Theology Engaging Science, Azusa Pacific University, April 10–12, 2008.
8. “Indeterminism and Branching Time without Truth-Value Gaps,” University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, April 20, 2007.
9. “Generic Open Theism and Some Varieties Thereof,” APA Pacific Division, “Models of God” mini-conference, San Francisco, CA, April 4–6, 2007.
10. “Fumerton’s Principle of Inferential Justification, Skepticism, and the Nature of Inference,” Group Meeting of the Society for Skeptical Studies, APA Eastern Division, Washington, D.C., Dec. 2006.
11. “Peirce and Lonergan on Questions, Inference, and the Process of Inquiry,” University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, Nov. 3, 2006.
12. “A Defense of Prior’s ‘Peircean’ Tense Logic,” Group Meeting of the Philosophy of Time Society, APA Pacific Division, Portland, OR, March 2006.
13. “Presentism, Truthmakers, and God,” EPS, Fort Worth, PA, Nov. 2005.
14. “Is the Future Settled or Open?” EPS, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 2004.
15. “The Hexagon of Opposition: Thinking Outside the Aristotelian Box.” EPS, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 2004 (with G. A. Boyd and T. G. Belt).
16. “Inferential Internalism, Inductive Skepticism, and Two Conceptions of Inference,” University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Philosophy Dept. Colloquium, Oct. 2004.

17. “A Peircean Response to Hume’s Critique of Ampliative Reasoning,” ACPA, Loudonville, NY, April 1997.
18. “Chance vs. Design: Is God Really Superfluous?” EPS, Washington, D.C., Nov. 1993.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Notre Dame

Philosophy of Death and Dying	lower-division; Spring 2011
Agency, Responsibility, and Determinism	lower-division; Spring 2009, Spring 2010
Ethics	lower-division; Fall 2009
Philosophy of Religion	lower-division; Fall 2008

University of Indiana South Bend

Thinking and Reasoning	lower-division; Fall 2010
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University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Metaphysics	upper-division; Spring 2007
Philosophy of Religion	upper-division; Spring 2006, Spring 2008
Inductive Logic and Probability	upper-division; Fall 2007
Free Will	directed study; Fall 2007
Reasoning and Critical Thinking	lower-division; frequently taught
Introduction to Philosophy	lower-division; frequently taught

Fordham University

Philosophy of Human Knowledge	lower-division; Spring 1996–Spring 1997
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HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008–2009, Postdoctoral research fellowship, University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion (\$30,000)
- 2006, Invited and paid participant in a 3-week Templeton Foundation summer seminar, “Open Theology and Science,” Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA, June 17–July 7, 2007
- 1993–1997, Presidential Fellowship, Fordham University (\$48,000)
- 1993–1997, Bennett Scholarship, Fordham University (4 years tuition remission)
- 1993, Departmental Honors in Philosophy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 1993, Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 1989–1993, Elardi–Wynn Scholarship, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (\$10,000)
- 1989, Bird Scholarship, University of Nevada, Las Vegas (\$1,500)
- 1989, Valedictorian, Las Vegas High School
- 1989, National Merit Semi-Finalist

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2013, Referee, *Mind*; *Ars Disputandi*; *Philosophia*; *Philosophical Quarterly*
- 2012, Referee, *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Ars Disputandi*
- 2011, Referee, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*
- 2010, Consultant for the 3rd edition of the *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, ed. Robert Audi
- 2010, Referee, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*; *Philosophia*
- 2010, Session chair, Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, Rutgers University, May 13–15
- 2008, Referee, *Faith and Philosophy*
- 2006, Referee, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Mountain–Plains Philosophy Conference

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Library Association
Association for Information Science & Technology
American Philosophical Association
Charles S. Peirce Society
Philosophy of Time Society

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